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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The twenty-two critiques prepared by the USIA group, contrary to SIC staff expectations, proved to be quite complimentary of our three-week program. Agreement was almost unanimous (one exception) that the course had been valuable, and many suggested extending it over a longer period. Several also provided useful comments concerning possible changes in the program which would make it more pertinent to USIA staff members. In view of this favorable reception I suspect that there will be a request from [] for additional programs of this kind. The critiques are in SIC's possession if you are interested in scanning them.

2. Since we had been led to believe that there would be a continuing requirement from ICA for SIC participation in their staff training, and since SIC had not so participated over a period of several months, we checked the ICA situation last week. It appears that over the past few months they have not had enough EODs at one time to justify a group program, and they were reluctant to request SIC to conduct individual tutorials. Within the next few days, however, DTR will probably receive a request from ICA since they are expecting a group of four or five EODs shortly.

3. [] OSI Training Officer, in a further discussion with [] has indicated that his deliberations with the OSI Career Board have reached the point at which he feels it appropriate for SIC to submit a tentative program on the USSR and International Communism designed for OSI's needs. It appears that they are aiming at combining certain elements of Introduction to Communism and the current USSR Country Survey, and would like to stretch it over a period of several weeks in the same fashion as the

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Country Survey. While in some respects this would be a duplication of SIC's efforts I feel that if we do not do it in this manner a substantial number of potential candidates for Communism training will be lost. Apparently OSI's five representatives in the current USSR course have taken back favorable comments and have generated some interest in this additional development. I feel, therefore, that SIC should proceed with the submission of a proposed schedule.

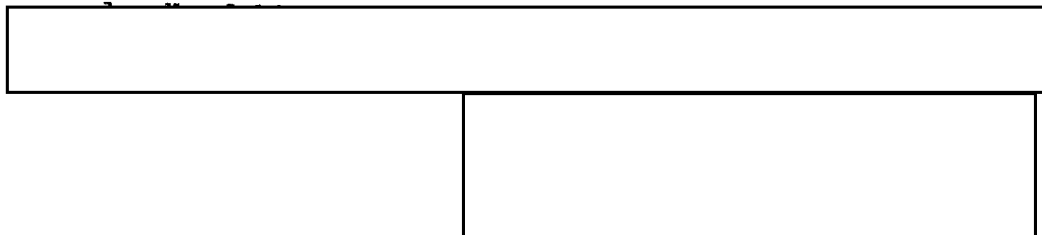
4. [] in recent discussions with [] deputy, learned that [] intends to draft a memorandum for Mr. Angleton's signature, for DDP distribution, urging the necessity for additional DDP enrollment in the ACO. Since ICD participates very actively in the ACO this may be viewed by [] as simply an additional means of ICD's gaining access to the Divisions. Regardless of the intent such a memo, if it materializes, could provide useful publicity.



6. I have accepted, with some reluctance, a request to present a briefing on "The Strengths and Weaknesses of the Sino-Soviet Bloc" at the annual FSI seminar on U.S. foreign policy. I have not participated in this affair previously, but apparently it is designed for a selected number of "high-level" State officers, and the speakers are at the Assistant Secretary level. [] so far as I could determine, is the only other speaker from the Agency. I tried, without success, to have the request directed to a senior Agency official.

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III. PERSONNEL NOTES



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